Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia.

BIRTHDAY OF WASHINGTON

Virginia's Largest Celebration in Alexandria.

THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

With His Staff He Reviewed an Exter sive and Elaborately Arranged Pageant - Day Fittingly Remembered Elsewhere

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UEXANDRIA, VA., February 23.—The one-hundredth and seventy-first anniversary of the birth of George Washington was to-day celebrated by the citizens of this historic old town in a most appropriate and befitting manner with a grand military, choic and industrial procession. The parade was about two miles in length; there were eleven bands, and about 3,000 uniformed men in line of procession. It was a gala day for the old Every house along the line of march was profusely decorated with an abundance

profusely decorated with an abundance of flags and bunting, and business was practically suspended during the afternoon. Several thousand Washingtonians came by boat and trains, and long before the magnificient pageant started king Street, the main thoroughtare of the old city, was a seething mass of humanity.

The procession started promptly at 2 o'clock and traversed the principal pawed streets of the city. Mary Washington or flantiation turned out in the parade was Major William M. Smith, with a number of aldes and a large staff of mounted men. Following the Major and his staff of flicers came Governor Montague in hack with Mayor George L. Simpson. The Governor received a great ovation

of officers came Governor Montague in a hack with Mayor George L. Simpson. The Governor received a great ovation all along the line of march.
Following came distinguished visitors and the members of the City Council. Board of Aldermen, together with distinguished visitors. The Provisional Batallion of the Seventieth Virginia Regiment acted as an escort to the Governor. It was composed of the following companies: Campany H, of Richmond, Captain Thompson; Company L, of Fredericksburg, Captain Revere; Company G, of this city, Lieutenant Cochran.

The parade proper was headed by a platon of ten mounted policemen, under Lieutenant James Smith. The first division of the parade was headed by sixty

sion of the parade was headed by sixty pieces of the United States Marine Band, pieces of the United States Marine Band, under first assistant leader Charles F. Smith. Colonel George Wayne Anderson, of the Seventieth Virginia Regiment, was marshal of this division, with Major Seville and Captain Ashby Miller as aides. Then came a company of Coast Artillery of the United States, followed by field music and two companies of marines; next came the Fourth Battery Field Artillery, U. S. A., and Second Regiment Calvary Band, mounted, and two troopers of Second Regiment Cavalry; next came the District National Guard Band, which headed a battallion of the Washington Light Infantry, in commund of Major House, Following came about 150 of the Spanish-American war veterans of Washington, and then came the of Washington, and then came the Washington Times' Newsboys Band, which headed the Washington and local Jodges of Knights of Pythias, and then followed the Knights of Maccabees, both uniformed.

A HISTORIC ENGINE.

The second division of the parade was headed by Waller's Band, of Washington, and consisted of the fre engine companies of the city. All of the engines were decorated, and the men uniformed. The most attractive feature of this part was the old Friendship hand engine, of which company. Washington was a member. The eampany was established in 1770, It first Started with a bucket brigade, and later Washington presented the company with a hand engine bought in Philadelphia. The old engine went to pieces, and the present engine was given about 1840 by a Mr. Rogers, of Baltimore. The engine was to-day drawn by four groomed dorses, and nine boys carried the buckets that were used to quench fires when A HISTORIC ENGINE.

pany.

The third division was marshaled by W. R. Hamilton and consisted of the different secret organizations of the city and Washington, including the Red Men, National Colors of United American Ma. Junior Order of United American Me-chanics and Machinists Union, from the Wanhington Navy Yard. The music in this division was furnished by a drum corps and one band.

The fourth division was known as the

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The fourth division was known as the trades display, and was marshaled by Charles B. Paff. It consisted of about fifty floats, in which the various trades and industries now going on in the city were ably represented.

AFTER THE PARADE.

At the conclusion of the parade several thousand uniformed men were entertained in Armory Hall, and the other local organizations provided for entertaining thir organizations, which were under the auspices of the Entertainment Committee on the parade. The press lavishly entertained a number of visiting scribes at the new Hotel Rammet, where they kept open house all night.

The festivities were kept up to-night, Most notable of the features of to-nights doings was a grand banquet tendered to Governor Montague by the Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons. The members of the Alexandria German Club gave a delightful german in honor of the visiting officers of the companies participating A number of private clubs and others kept open house all day, and the visitors were treated in tan old Virginia mule.

Theore were created in the old Virginia sixtle. Thefore the parade disbanded it was reviewed by Governor Montague and the members of his sinft, together with Major William M. Smith and the members of his staff, and Major Georne E. Simpson, from a grand-stand eracted on the cest side of Washington Street, between Cameron and Queen Streets, within half a block of old Christ Protestant Episcopal Church, where Washington was a regular communicant for many years.

COLLEGE ORATORS

Washington's Birthday Observed at Washington and Lee.

day by the closing of the postoffice and the two banks and the suspension of all academic duties at the Virgina Militay Inclinite and at Washington and Lee held its ninety-first numiversity. In honor of the flay the Yvashington Literary Society of Washington and Lee held its ninety-first numiversary of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University. The description was the cause of such a factorist of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University The description was the cause of such a factorist of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University. The description was the cause of such a factorist of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University. The description was the cause of such a factorist of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University. The description was the cause of such a factorist of the society to-night in the Lee Memorial Chapel at the University of the weighed nine and a half pounds. The pounds are the state of the such that th

bate, and were attended by an appreciative audience. Music for the eccasion was furnished by the Virginia Military Institute Orchestra, Professor Herman Krause, lender.

The officers of the celebration were: President, Harry Wilson Hamilton, of Steele's Tavern, Va.; vice-president, Edward Campbell Miller, of Abingdon, Va.; secretary, T. C. Meredith, of Massachusetts; chief marshal, Albert Marshall Duncan, of Springfield, Ky. The orators and their subjects were: Stanley Scott, of Northampton county, Va.-subject, "The Liberty Hall Volunteers;" Robert Albert Lapsley, of Greenville, Va.-subject, "The Man Behind the Guns." The question dehated was "Resolved, That There Should be an Educational Qualification for Suffrage in the United States." This question was debated in the affirmative by J. S. Henderson, of Poissacola, Fla., and Oscar Vance Armstrong, of Baverly, W. Va.; in the negative by David Hopkins Reiston, of Harrisonburg, Va., and Americus Dawson Trundle, of Poolesville, Md. The addresses were all ably delivered and well received.

At Fredericksburg.

(Special to The Time-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February
23.—Washington's birthday falling on Sunday this year, there was but little observance to-day. The Washington Guards, servance to-day. The Washington Guards, which usually have their annual target practice, went to Alexandria to participate in the parade there, and, therefore, the target shooting was pestponed. To-night the Masons met in their lodge room to honor the memory of Washington, as is their annual custom, and several short addresses were made by different members, and the occasion was a very pleasant one.

A GOLDEN WEDDING

Four Great-Grandchildren Were Among Those Present.

(Special to The Times Disputch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 21.—Mr. and Mrs.
W. W. Knight Bunday celebrated their golden wedding at Wiggins' Cross Roads, N. C. There were seven children, eigh-teen grandchildren and four great-grand-children. Many brought gifts of golden colus.

There was no public observance of Washington's birthday in Suffolk. The Suffolk Grays went to Norfolk and pa-

Virginia-Carolina League.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 23.—A telegram from Davy Crockett from Greensboro to-night, states that a meeting of the proposed Virginia-Carolina League will be held here to-morrow night at eight o'clock for the purpose of organizing the new league. The proposed league will embrace Roanoke, Lynchburg, Danville, Greensboro, Charlotte and Wilmington. The indications now are that the league will be organized.

WOMAN HOLDS AN OFFICER AT BAY

Franklin Deputy Sheriff Finds Will Frith's Mother Ready With a Shotgun.

The \$300 reward offered by the Governor Frith, of this county, charged with killing AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL OF TH two white men in Hunter, W. Va., some two weeks ago, particulars of which were given in this correspondence on Saturday, has stimulated and increased the



TRAINING OF TEACHERS

Mr. Archer M. Huntington's Gift to Newport News.

MANUAL AND NORMAL

And for Both Races and Both Sexes. The Schools for Negroes Will Be in Different Buildings-A Fine Sparring Match.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., February 23.-Supervising Principal Willis A. Jenkins, of the public schools, to-day received a letter from Archer M. Huntington, adopted son of the late Collis P. Huntington, stating that he and his mother are prepared to be known as the Huntington Manual Training and Normal Institute, to be located at Newport News.

The purpose of the school will be the ing the specific desire to reach those who would otherwise not be able to receive such instruction as teachers, these teachers being competent to introduce manual training into the common schools of the State, and it is understood that there will be two buildings, one for white and one for colored pupils. Mr. Huntington suggests that the school for colored pupils not be a normal, but rather a manual training high school.

It is understood that the school for negroes will work in harmony with the Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, and it is the understanding of Mr. and Mrs. Huntington that the aim and intention of the founders and subscribers to this understaking that the plants, when feedly for work, shall be made part and parcel of the State school system, governed, directed and supported by the State all of which shall be done and the would otherwise not be able to receive

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inston.

The school authorities say that there is no doubt of their ability to raise the other \$30,000, as it is practically assured.

The crew of the United States monitor Puritan celebrated Washington's birthday to-day by pulling off a number of athletic contests, A "sparring match" between two seamen, Spang (white) and Langley (colored), was the principal event on the programme. The men went at each other like they meant business, and six lively rounds were fought. The white man easily had the best of it, and during the sixth round the negro was as bloody as a stuck pig. The negro fought like a demon, however, refusing to go under, and the officers finally put an end to the match to prevent brutallies.

The large residence of Mr. W. E. Cottrell, on the Boulevard, just outside the city, was destroyed by fire at 1 o'clock this morning. A plano, an organ and a few chairs were saved, and all the rest of the furniture and contents of the house were lost. The house and furniture were valued at nearly \$19,000, and the house was insured for \$5,000 and the furniture for \$500. The fire was caused by a defective fine, and was discovered by Mr. Cottrell at 1 o'clock.

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Hon, L. P. Stearns to-day announced that he will not be a candidate for the State Senate, but at the solicitation of his friends he will be a candidate for redection to the House of Delegates from this city. Mr. Stearns was waited upon by a delegation of prominent Democrats.

North Carolina. It is stated that Milligan College will not be abandoned, but that the Lynchburg school will be made the most important of the two.

IN ROANOKE

A Story Published in the West Virginia Welch Recorder is Denied.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANCKE, VA., Feb. 23.—The last issue of the Welch Recorder, of West Virginia, published a story to the effect that a man named Sykes, or his wife, was believed to have caused the death of their baby by poisoning at Davy, and both had gone to Norfolk. Mr. H. L. Sykes, the man referred to, is a Ronnoker and came here last Thursday with his wife to bury the child, and both were surprised to rend that they had been suspected of poisoning the infant. Mr. Sykes says a woman was looking after his two children that night, and he believes she gave the children morphine to quiet them, and gave them too much. The hady died, and the other child, eighteen months old, came very near dying. He intended remaining here until Saturday, but will to-morrow go to Davy and have the matter investigated and he and his wife exonerated.

HIS NECK BROKEN

A Negro Boy at Suffolk Falls Headlong Over a Fence.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 23.—Frank Do SUFFOLIC, VA., Feb. 23.—Frank De Looteh, a ten-year-old colored boy, Sunday night had his neck broken in Nansemond county, not far from Suffolk. He was climbing over a cross fence, when he fell, striking on the head. The boy died before a doctor could arrive.

Rev. J. W. West, field secretary of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, on Sunday afternoon inaugurated a crusade here in the auditorium of the City Hall Theatre. Concluding a temperance address, there were circulated cards to bear the names of sympathizers and the amounts they were willing to contribute. Rev. West had another meeting this evening.

West and another meeting the many mayor Brewer to-day announced that he was willing to be one of twenty-five men who would stand the price of replacing the home of Mrs. Henrietta Stephenson, which was burned Sunday.

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

And a Young Lady Bravely Rescued on the Homeward Journey.

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

VASHTI, VA., February 23.—Mr. and
Mrs, William Kirke gave a birthday party
to their friends Friday night in honoof their daughter, Miss Katie Kārke.

Ouite a number of handsome presents
were presented the young lady, and all
the guests had a pieusant time.
On returning from the party Miss Hattie Campbell's horse reared up and threw
her in Snow Creek, but she was quickly
rescued by Mr. W. H. Cobb, who plunged
into the stream and soon landed the full
damsel safely on shore, thereby performing a wonderful feat of bravery and
displaying great presence of mind.
Report has just reached us of the death
of two children of smallpox near Sandy
Level.

Level.
The weather continues cold and the farmers are very much worried beer they cannot get to work.

CONTRACTOR KILLED

J. F. Phillips Run Over by a Train at Prince's Station, West, Va.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BEAVER DAM, VA., February 23.--A

BEAVER DAM, VA., February 23.—A telegram was received here this morning from Thurman's W. Va., saying that Mr. J. F. Phillips was killed instantly by a train last night at Prince's Station, W. Va., where he was employed as a contractor. The body came down to-day on the afternoon train. The funeral will take blace to-morrow.

Miss Hattle Southworth, who has been the guest of Mrs. J. L. Thompson for the past week, left yesterday to visit her sister, Mrs. Dunston, of Lorraine, Henrico

IS BROKEN

Weems Steamer Gets Up to Fredericksburg.

THE TOURIST FOLLOWED

Stafford County Finds it Difficult to Get a Board of Pension Commissioners - Several A pointees Have Decined to Serve.

The ice gorge in the Rappahamock Riv-er, which had stopped navigation for several days, was broken up yesterday afternoon by the steamer Northumber land of the Weems Line, which reached the wharf here safely and left this af-ternoon on schedule time. The steamer Tourist, of the People's Line, which broke several blades in her propeller Thursday night in an effort to get through the ice and had since laid about five miles below this city, came up to her wharf here in the path made by the Northumberland. The Tourist left to-day as usual for Urbanna, and from the latter place will go to Norfolk for a

the latter place will go to Norfolk for a new propeller before resuming her regular schedule.

Stafford county is experiencing great difficulty in securing a Board of Pension Commissioners. Different gentlemen have been appointed from time to time, but have declined to serve. It was thought that the last appointments would accept, but Messrs, John M. Hull and F. C. L. Moncure, Sr., have given notice of their declination, and Mr. Poyton, the other appointee, has not qualified.

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At the civil service examination for substitute clerks and carriers in the city postoffice here, the applicants were Misses Agnes A. Griffin, of this city; Evelyn Holmes, formerly of Spotsylvania county, now of Washington, and Jason C. Grant, a colored school teacher here. The names of the successful candidates will not be announced for some time. Some of the farmers of Orange county have not yet sold their erop of last year's wheat, and are still holding the cereal for higher prices.

HAS BEEN PROMOTED.

The friends in this city of Dr. J. F. Anderson, of the United States marine service, now stationed at Washington, are gratified at the promotion of that gentleman from assistant surgeon to past assistant surgeon. Dr. Anderson was formerly a resident of this city.

Mr. Fayette Raney, of Rappahannock county, now over eighty years old, has never had the toothache, headache, beck-ache or earache and has never used teached the county of medicine of any kind. He is still hale and hardy and a most remarkable specimen of vigorous old age.

Mr. E. C. Rowe, mail agent on the Pledmont, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad between this city and Orange, who has been extremely ill and whose life was almost despaired of, is now convolleeing and expects to resume his duties early next month.

Mr. T. B. Jones, a thrifty farmer of Culpeper county, has a flock of forty-five ewes, which has so far this season produced seventy-two lambs.

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Mr. Henry W. Edwards, a prominent young farmer of Stafford county, near this city, slaughtered a few days ago a beef of the short-horn breed, four years old, which weighed 1,730 pounds. This splendid specimen would be hard to surpass by any of the experienced cattle raisers of the upper counties.

Mr. William Crenslaw has donated \$50 towards the building of the new chapel to be erected near Thorn, Hill, in Orange county.

and with a horse or an ox working, for themselves. White labor is more utilized on the farms than ever.

Mecklenburg is a large county. Its area is 417,304 acres. In the year 1800 the population was 17,008. In 1920 it was 26,557, in the last twenty years the negro population has decreased 168, and the white increased 1,034. There has been an immigration of whites and an exodus of negroes in some localities. If this ratio continues the white population will be in the majority in a few decedes.

Mr. Stephen P. Read is the only announced candidate for the House of Delegates at the election to be held on the 12th of March. Mr. Read has an experience of four years in the Virginia Senate, and is noted for fidelity to his public duties, and has ability to fill the position.

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Great improvements are being made to the grounds of the Mecklenburg Hotel by Mr. Holland. By a novel and unique arrangement at considerable expense, he will convey the waters in a constant supply from two wells to a central building fixed for drinking and for bottling the water from two separate conduits. The wells are several hundred feet distant from each other, but the waters are entirely distinct in their ingredients.

Southside Council, No. 9, Junior Order United American Mechanics, is a flourishing organization here, and will to-day, on, the anniversary of Washington's birthday, raise a United States flag over the new public school building and present the school with a Bible.

Tobacco sales have been light here this month and it is estimated that 10 per cent, of the tobacco tributary to this market has been sold by the producers. But good roads and weather often develop an unexpected quantity, which planters have held back in barns.

NEARLY FROZEN

Overtaken By the Storm of Last Week

in Highland County.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MONTEREY, VA., February 23.—James Snyder, a laboring man, whose home is near McDowell, this county, was overtaken by the recent storm while return taken by the recent storm while returning from the lumber camps of West Virginia and so nearly frozen to death that he has been unable to walk since. When lear the Hull Hotel, on the ensetrn slope of the Alleghanies, his cry for help was heard and he was carried from the drift into which he had helplessly fallen. He was finally gotten home, but his feet are so frozen as, in the judgment of his physician, to necessitate partial, if not entire, amputation. Snyder is a hardworking man, with a large family to support, and much sympathy is felt for him.

OLD NEGRO KILLED IN WILLIAMSBURG

His Wife Is Charged With Having Caused His Death and Burned Body.

WILLIAMSBURG, VA., February 2.—
James City had a murder mystery yesterday afternoon. Georga Thornton, colored,
aged sixty-five, was found dead in his
bed. His clothing was burned off him,
but nothing else had caught after. This
caused suspicion. A coroner's jury was
empanelled and to-day brought in a verdict that Thornton came to his death by
foul play, a blow on the head and by are,
by a party or parties unknown to the
jury.

ment on the head and another on the face.

Suspicion pointed to Nancy Thornton, the dead man's wife, and this evening a warrant was sworn out by Justice J. G. Carlton and placed in the hands of Deputy Sheriff Geddy, who will arrest the accused woman to-night.

Washington's birthday was observed here to-day very quietly, the only outward signs of a national holiday being the closing of the court and postoffice and public schools.

Mr. George P. Coleman, a former Williamsburg boy, is here from Whonna, Minn, on a short visit. He has many friends here, who are glad to see him again. Mrs. Coleman is also in Virginia. Messrs. J. R. Brinnerman, of Alexandria; Carroll Taylor, of Richmond; H. C. Lightfoot, of Newport News, and Dr. W. P. Hoy, of Petersburg, were here yesterday to attend the funeral of Miss More cock.

Sheriff M. R. Harrell left this morning.

A Physician's Tests.

Bright's Disease and Diabetes Are Positively Curable.

Judge Henry S. Foote, a former member of our State Supreme Court Commission, and one of the beak known jurists on the Coast, makes the following certificate:

"I am asked to certificate;
"I am asked to certify the following facts. A
woll-known physician in active practice put twe
cases of Bright's Disease and one of Diabetes on the
Fulton Compounds. He is willing the results should
be known, but for professional reasons without his
name. As the results are see squarely opposed by all
modical works, I was asked to lavestignts and report the facts, which I did, and I find and certify as
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"An oblischool physician of unquestioned standing and ability has just tested the Fatton Compounds In three cases with these results;

Case No.1—Mrs. T., chronic Brights Disease; usual albumenturis dropsy etc.; limbs swollen climost to bursting. Usas treatment without result. Under the Compound the dropsy despressed in thirty days and lest of the albument in \$9. Cared. Disease of a week's albument plant of the Compound the dropsy displayered in thirty days and lest of the albumen in \$9. Cared. Disease of a week's albumen reduced a haif, and a few week's later albumen down to a trace and dropsy entirely goos. Patient insisted e was well and left for an extended trip. (Too early, it is believed, for permanency.)

Case No.3—Mrs. F. Chronic distrete; physician states "typen case, worst I were saw," First tog and report; "Sugar reduced baif; impovement wonderful; sugar g ting less every test."

"Asked what percentage are carrable by these Com cands, the physician replica; "I don't know, but it must be lar s—nearly a hundred, if my own cases are any perferion. Unsat, ILNAY S FOOTE.

"228 Montgomery St. San Krancleon," Asked what he individ ally that of the Judge Foote replied: "I we settaded the cure has been found."

Modical works agree that Bright's Disease and Diabeles are incurable, but 87 per cent, are nonlively recovering under the Fulton Compounds. (Common forms of kinny complaint and rheumatism offic but short resistance) Frice, \$1 for the Bright's Disease and \$1.50 for the Bright's B

OWENS & MINOR DRUG CO., DISTRIBUTORS.

CUT OFF

Had Lost Fingers on Other Hand Two Years Ago.

WARRANT IS WITHDRAWN

Rev. E. B. Hatcher Closes His Ministry at Norfolk, Where He Will Be Followed by Rev. Dr. Blackwell, of Wilmington, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 23.—Richard
Sawyer, a white boy, aged sixteen years,
while at work this morning at 7 o'clock
at Ambrose Bros.' mill, in Berkley, got
his right hand caught in a saw and all
of his fingers severed completely from
the hand. He was removed to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk. Sawyer, while
at work at the E. N. Barnes Company
about two years ago, had the misfortune
to lose nearly all of the fingers' on his
left hand.

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The warrent sworn out Saturday by Alberta Lee, colored, against Editor John E. Dickerson, Jr., of-the Norfolk News and Advertiser, was, withdrawn to-day before the paper had been served. Warrant Officer Spedden said that Dickerson has agreed to print in the next issue of his paper a statement prepared by Attorney James F. Duncan, counsel for Alberta Lee, in which all that was said about Alberta, is retracted by the editor, who apologizes for any wrong that might have been done the complainant.

Rev. E. B. Hatcher closed his ministry here last night as the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mr. Hatcher leaves here to-morrow for Fluvanna county, Va., to Join this family, but will pass through Norfolk in about ten days on his way to Baltimore to take up his work as Baptist mission secretary of the State of Maryland. Rev. Mr. Blackwell, of Wilmington, N. C., the new pastor of the First Baptist Church here, will begin his work April 1st, and during the month of March the pupit will be supplied by various clergymen, on the first two Sundays by Rev. Dr. Richards, of White Hall, New York State.

SKATING AT CHESTER

Only One Mishap and That Was Not Serious in Its Results.

CHESTER, VA., February 23,—The young people of this community have had young people of this community have had another happy season skating on the lake here. Up to Saturday night of the past week a party of them could be seen there day and night, and only one accident occurred, when Miss Kate Ruffin ventured too far on lee that had been exposed to the meiting rays of the sun and plunged in about her depth in water. She was reacued by the young men present, who extended a pole to her, which was kept on hand to meet such an emergency.

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Miss Gertrude Sims, of Norfolk, is still visiting relatives here.

Miss Adolaide Snellings, of Mecklenburg county, is stopping with Miss Mabel Robertson, of this place.

Miss Louise Potts, of Richmond, has also been stopping with Miss Robertson, for a few days.

Mrs. E. A. Swineford, of Drewry's Bluff, was here to-day.

Mr. C. H. D. Stewart, of Springfield, Mass., was in the village to-day on business with the Farmers' Mutual Benefit Association. He expects to return to Springfield in a few days.

The Chester Lumber Company is contemplating placing a saw mill in their plant in connection with their planing business. It is said that one or more new residences are in contemplation of construction here.

The Ladies' Parsonage Society are planning to have an oyster supper and entertainment here soon for the benefit of the Methodist parsonage.

LOCAL OPTION

An Election Will Probably Be Held in Wytheville in the Spring.

(Special to The Times Dispatch,)
WYTHEVILLE, VA., Feb. 23.—A local Sheriff M. R. Harrell left this morning for Richmond.

A. "Shadow Social" will be given in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association at William and Mary College to-morrow night for the benefit of the organization.

WYTHEVILLE, VA., Feb. 23.—A local option election will, in all probability, be held in Wytheville in the spring. A petition containing more than tige requisite number of signatures has already been alled with the clerk of the County Court, and it is expected that the judge will order an election to be held in the latter and it is expected that the judge win order an election to be held in the latter part of March or the early part of April. No election of this kind has been held in Wytheville mugisterial district since 1805, when the town went "wet" by a large majority. Those who favor no license are of the opinion that the distranchisement of the negro vote will result in a majority for the "dry" side.

F. A. Massie's Illness.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., February CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. February
23.—Mrs. Malvern Patterson, of Richmond, is here to attend the bedside of
her brother, Mr. Frank A. Massie, who
haverenis. Mr. Massie was taken ill
about two weeks ago of pneumonia,
which was acute from the beginning.
Heart trouble supervened, and on yesterday afternoon he was paralyzed in one
side. His death is expected at any moment.

Telephone Sale Denied.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PULASKI, VA., Feb. 23.-Mr. B. Laughon, general manager of the Virginia and Tennessee Telephone Company, with head offices at this place, says, in reference to the report that the Bell Telephone Company has gotten control of the Virginia and Tennessee Company, that there is no foundation for or trath in the report.

Westover Negroes Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CITY POINT, VA., February 23.— Joe Moore and Adkins, colored servants of Mrs. Ramsey, of Westover, are re-ported to have been drowned near Jordan Point Lighthouse on their return home from here in a small sail boat,

Negro Boy Injured.

(Special to The Times-Disnatch.)
GORDONSVILLE, VA., February 23—
Oliver Gray, a young colored boy, while
riding a freight train at this place Sunday night, had the misfortune to have

(Special to The Times-plisontel.)
HEATHSVILLE, YA., February 23.—
John Clark, the little son of Ashion Clarke, of this place, had two of his fingers blown off last night by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge, which he was reading with - Two Fingers Blown Off,

day night, had the misfortune to have his left leg so badly mashed that it had to be taken off. On Monday the injured boy was taken to the Chesapeako and Chio Railway Hospital at Chifton Forge.